

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The inconvenience to Tirthahalli people is more imaginary than real. At present, they have to come to Shimoga for civil cases and no inconvenience is represented in that connection.

Dewan.—Investing Second Class powers to Bench Magistrates will be considered. There is no need for a separate Magistrate.

SUBJECT NO. 178.

An additional High School for the Shimoga District.

Messrs. A. Narasimha Iyengar and H. Venkatagiriappa, Sagar Taluk; Nadig Bhas-kara Rao and Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Sorab Taluk; D. Basalingappa, Sagar Municipality and H. S. Venkappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Mr. Narasimha Iyengar.—Every year, about 50 or 60 boys pass the Lower Secondary Examination from Sagar and these boys have to go to Shimoga if they want to continue their studies. Such being the case, only a very few go to Shimoga with the object of continuing their studies while the other poor boys have to discontinue. The Shimoga High School is only useful for the Shimoga boys and a few other well-to-do boys who can afford to go to Shimoga incurring heavy expenses. Sagar is in the centre of four *Malnad* taluks and by opening a High School at Sagar, all these four taluks will be benefited. This is one way of improving the *Malnad* parts.

Dewan.—Some say that as High School at Tirthahalli is more useful.

Mr. Basalingappa.—Opening a High School at Tirthahalli would be more useful. The people of Tirthahalli contributed about Rs. 8,000 out of which about Rs. 4,000 has already been spent for the A. V. School.

Mr. Narasimhaiengar.—I beg to suggest that a Committee may be formed and the question whether to open the High School at Tirthahalli or Sagar may be decided on its recommendation. If it is not possible to open a High School at Sagar, arrangements may at least be made to open a Fourth Form there as there are some graduates one of whom will be enough for teaching.

Inspector-General of Education.—It is not possible to manage with one additional teacher as there will be many subjects to be taught.

Mr. Venkappa Gowda.—If it is not possible to give us a High School at Tirthahalli, the amount that has been deposited may kindly be returned. The Missionaries are quite willing to open the school.

Inspector-General of Education.—It is not possible to open High Schools in both these places at the same time. Government are considering this question and will try to start a High School in one of these two places.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Construction of an *anicut* across Kumudvati near Anjanapur.

Mr. Sangana Basappa, Shikarpur Taluk.

Mr. Sangana Basappa.—In the interests of the development of wet cultivation in the Shikarpur Taluk, an *anicut* may be constructed across the Kumudvati river at Anjanapur. This project is pending disposal for a very long time.

Secretary, Public Works Department.—The report of Mr. H. D. Rice has been received and Government are considering it and arrangements will be made to start the work as soon as the project is approved of by Government.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Irrigational facilities under the Sulekere tank.

Mr. Gowda Halappa, Channagiri Taluk.

Mr. Halappa Gowda.—An acreage contribution was recovered from the ryots of villages holding lands under this tank some 5 or 6 years back and nothing has been done till now. Water is not properly supplied as the channels are in disrepair. Under the present condition, no crops can be raised while no remission of assessment is granted. The difficulties of the poor are enormous.

Mr. Ananthaiya.—Until the repairs are effected, contribution may not be levied.

Dewan.—The levy of contribution cannot be stopped unless the ryots undertake to maintain the channels.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Construction of a Railway from Harnahalli *via* Nyamti and Honnali.

Messrs. Revana Siddaiya and Nagarada Gurulingappa, Honnali Taluk and Settara Channappa, Nyamti Municipality.

Mr. Revana Siddaiya.—Nyamti is an important trade centre and want of a railway there is greatly felt. The question of opening a line from Harnahalli to Harihar *via* Nyamti may be considered.

Dewan.—This question can only be considered after the completion of the Railway works that are now in progress. Men, money and material are not easily available and this work cannot be taken up until after the completion of the work up to Arasalu. We shall, however, consider this proposal after the present Railway programme is completed.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Tramway to Channagiri Town.

Mr. Karidi Anantappa, Channagiri Municipality.

Mr. Karidi Anantappa.—Arrangements may be made to extent the tramway which is now in progress to Channagiri town with a view to facilitate commerce. The town also would be very much developed by this extension. The distance is barely 3 miles.